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Cal/EPA Announces Winners of Statewide Waste Management Program Competition

Sacramento--- The 2000 Cal/EPA Household Hazardous Waste/Used Oil Program Awards will be presented on Thursday, May 18, 2000, during the 5th Annual Statewide Household Hazardous Waste Conference, honoring a dozen individuals and local governments for their excellence, ingenuity, and achievement in managing some of California's most challenging waste streams.

Dr. Bill Vance, Special Assistant to the California Secretary for Environmental Protection, will make the presentations at the conference, which is being held at the UCLA Conference Center in Lake Arrowhead, May 17-19, 2000.

"These awards recognize the innovations by cities, counties and private industry to inform and educate small business and households on the economic and environmental values of recycling, and the proper disposal of household hazardous waste," said Winston Hickox, Cal/EPA Secretary.

The conference and statewide competition is sponsored by Cal/EPA. Lead cosponsors are the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB)

DTSC provides assistance to local entities to establish household hazardous waste programs and regulates the disposal of used oil and household hazardous waste. The IWMB provides financial assistance to local entities through several grant programs and through partnerships with local government, industry and the public. The IWMB seeks to achieve a 50 percent reduction in waste disposed of by the end of this year.

The awards include Outstanding Personal Service, Best New Program, Program Excellence, Outstanding Rural Program, and Program Innovation. The Awards Committee selected eleven winners and one honorable mention.

"This year's award winners deserve recognition and praise for their efforts," said

Ed Lowry, DTSC Director. "These programs are an example of what communities and business can do to manage hazardous waste effectively."

Winners of the Awards include:

Outstanding Personal Service

Ms. Ionie Wallace
San Bernardino County
Contact: Ionie Wallace (909) 382-5401

Outstanding Policy Advancement

California Integrated Waste Management Board
Contact: Ms. Shirley Willd-Wagner (916) 255-4455

Best New Program

City of Sacramento
Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility
Contact: Jon Souza (916) 264-5557

CESQG/Pollution Prevention

San Bernardino County
Contact: Teresa Fricke (909) 382-5401

Program Excellence

City & County of San Francisco
Household Hazardous Waste/Used Oil Program
Contact: Kelley Etherington (415) 554-1648

Program Innovation

Ventura County
Mobile Used Oil Collection Program
Contact: Toni Moran (805) 654-3587

Outstanding Rural Program

San Luis Obispo County
IWMA - Hazardous Waste Management Program
Contact: Bill Worrell (805) 782-8530

Togetherness Award

Ventura County
1999 County Fair Public Outreach
Contact: Terri Thomas (805) 648-9211

Pickled Skunk Brains

"Tail of the Unknown Reptile"
Kern County
Contact: Lyn Beurmann (661) 862-8957

Strange Occurrence

"1969 Water"

Kern County

Contact: Lyn Beurmann (661) 862-8957

***Honorable Mention**

"Do You Know the Way to San Jose?"

Tuolumne County

Contact: Mark Rappaport (209) 533-5914

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"Port & Polish"

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